

DRAFT Meeting Summary
Aleutians Emergency Towing System (ETS)
Workgroup Teleconference 06/05/07

Attendees:

Lauren Adams, UCB
John Brown, ADEC
CDR Craig Bryton, USCG Kodiak Air Station
John Day, Port of Dutch Harbor, Harbor Master
Gary Folley, ADEC
Amy Gilson, Nuka Research
Pete Gray, Alaska Marine Pilots
LT. Gregory Crettol, USCG, Unalaska
Chris Iszler, Horizon Lines
Steve Moreno, Alaska Marine Pilots
Shirley Marquardt, City of Unalaska, Mayor
Peggy McLaughlin, Horizon Lines
Alvin Osterback, Port of Dutch Harbor, Director
CDR Steven Pearson, USCG, Anchorage
Tim Robertson, Nuka Research

ETS Equipment Status

Mayor Marquardt reported that the Unalaska ETS will be delivered on July 6th to Horizon Lines in Seattle with approximate arrival in Unalaska on July 13th.

ADEC placed their ETS order with Arctic Wire Rope, Anchorage on June 1st.
John Brown will contact Arctic Wire Rope regarding ETA to Unalaska.
(Subsequent to the meeting, John Brown determined that the ADEC system will be delivered on August 21, 2007.)

The Alaska Marine Pilots Association volunteered the use of their satellite telephone for use during ETS exercise. It was agreed that the time charges will be paid for by the project. If the satellite phone works well during the drill, the City of Unalaska will look into purchasing one as part of the ETS inventory.

Ownership/Liability Issues

ADEC had nothing to report at this time regarding risk management issues.

The City of Unalaska is working with their lawyers for a certification letter covering the plasma towline and other liability concerns for the City.

USCG had nothing to report at this time.

AMPA, Steve Moreno raised concerns regarding liabilities as a hurdle for the ETS deployment exercise. It was agreed to discuss this further at the exercise planning meeting on June 21.

Storage/Security

The City of Unalaska will purchase a 20 ft container van specifically for ETS security and storage. It was proposed that the container would be stored on the City Dock.

Pre-Exercise Planning Meeting

The workgroup agreed that the exercise pre-planning meeting would be held on Thursday, June 21 in Unalaska (time and place to follow).

Deployment Exercise

Waiver Issues

The USCG helicopter is available for the ETS drill; however, there is a question as to whether the helicopter is allowed to deploy ETS to a non-USCG vessel. USCG Air Station Kodiak is working on a waiver allowing this deployment. The workgroup discussed what impact a non-waiver situation may have on deployment exercise (no impact to the objectives).

Options in the case of non-waiver deployment from helicopter:

Deploying to USCG 378 Mellon or Rush

Mellon or Rush available around July 18-20

Rush available around July 30-31

Deployment Exercise Date

The deployment exercise date was tentatively set for Tuesday, July 31. This date may change if the USCG helicopter and cutter is not available. The City of Unalaska will send participation requests to tramper companies and drill observation invitations to State/Federal Government with this tentative date.

Deployment Exercise

The following topics should be covered in the pre-exercise meeting on June 21:

- Safety
- Mobilization
- Deployment Scenarios
 - From Tug
 - From Ship
 - Messenger line on ship, tow line on tug
- Line Gun Operations

- Helicopter Operations
- Communications
- Filming and Photographs

Procedural Manual

It was suggested that vessels that make frequent port calls in Unalaska should have a messenger line onboard to speed the process of deployment.

It was also suggested that the deployment procedures be written as stand-alone sections, so that they can be excerpted and used during a deployment.

It was suggested that two additional sections be added to the manual: Contacts and Training.

Workgroup website

An updated workgroup list will be posted along with a meeting summary for this teleconference.

Schedule

The next teleconference will be held on Thursday, June 14th 10:00 am (AKST) to continue tabletop and deployment exercise planning. Please see AI ETS website for meeting agenda and handouts.

June 21st Pre-exercise planning meeting to take place in Unalaska, teleconference will be available.

Tentative July 31st Deployment exercise to take place in Unalaska Bay, provided all participants will be available.

Action Items

- ADEC, John Brown – Contact Arctic Wire Rope for ETA of ETS to Unalaska
- USCG, CDR Pearson – Contact USCG Kodiak Air Station regarding status of helicopter waiver
- City, Mayor Marquardt – Resolve any flight issues in/out of Unalaska
- Nuka Research, Amy – Update workgroup distribution list and website
- USCG – Put in a request for scheduling Cutter Mellon or Rush on July 31st